

Monday Celebrate Recovery—7 pm
 Tuesday Sewing Circle—8 am
 Christmas Story Time and Christmas Craft—Church Library—10 am
 Shine—UFH—4 pm
 Wednesday Choir Practice—7 pm
 Saturday Live Nativity—What Happened in Bethlehem—6:15 and 7 pm
 Sunday Hear, See & Speak the Goodness —Pastor Kyle Rodgers
 Christmas Caroling—foyer—5:30 pm

This Week

Dec 24—Christmas Eve service
 Jan 5—Communion Service



Visitors, feel free to use our nursery.
 Download the free KidCheck app for a secure check-in.



Today's staff

Infant SS—John & Ruth Ann Kulp
 Infant Church—Randy & Tammy Landis
 2&3 Church—Stephanie & Brooklyn Helfrich

Next week's staff

Infant SS—Glenn & Reenie Hoover
 Infant Church—Nate & Kelsy Weaver
 2&3 Church—Carissa Fallon & Kelsey Stitt



TITHES AND OFFERINGS
 Thanksgiving eve—\$7,196
 Last Week's Offering —\$21,207

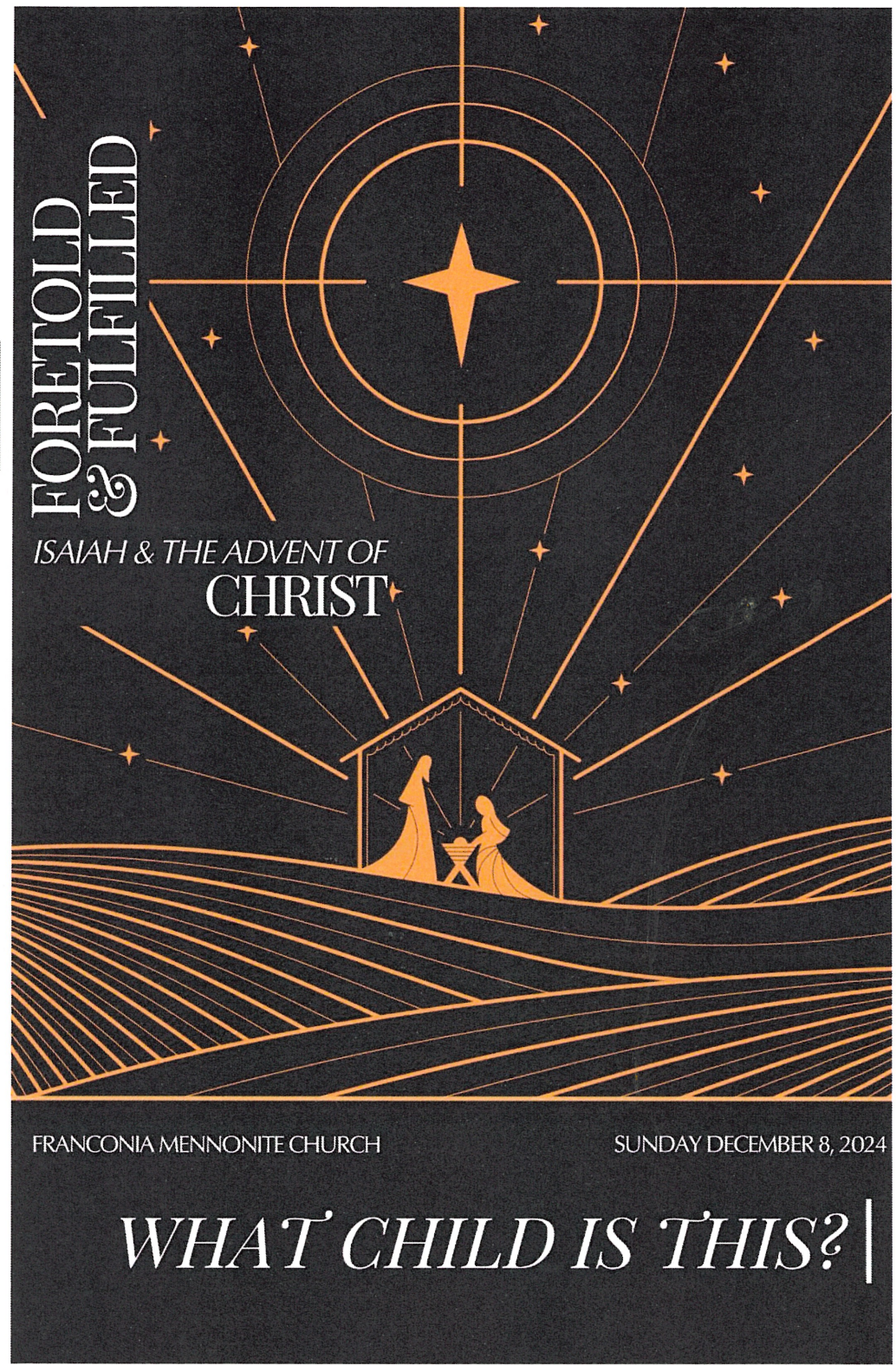
Offering—Ways to Give

- * Sunday morning—**offering boxes** as you enter the auditorium
- * Online at franconiamennonite.org thru **Vanco ACH** (scan QR Code below)
- * **Electronic Funds Transfer**—call Monique Kratz at the Church Office
- * Mail to Church Office



Last Sunday Attendance
 Thanksgiving eve—266
 Sunday School—177
 Worship — 273

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FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 2024

Order of Worship

"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High." (Luke 1:32a)

Prelude

Gathering Song—Helen Eastburn and Worship Team

Welcome, Opportunities, Call to Worship—Pastor Rob Presthus

Singing and Worship

Christmas Carol Monologue—*What Child is This?* (innkeeper's wife)
—Laureen Landis

Congregational Prayer—David Mellinger

Children's Lesson—Bronwen Leister

Scripture Reading and Lighting the Advent Candle

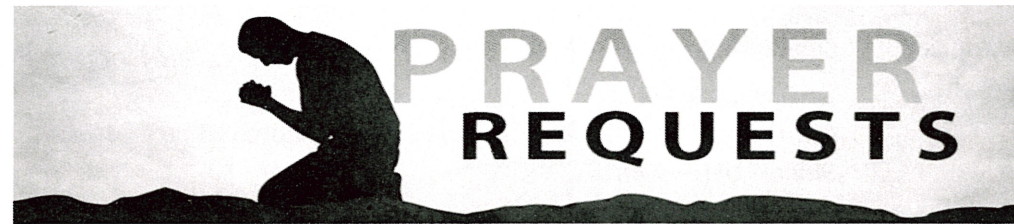
Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:26-38 — Ben and Heidi Yoder

Sermon—"What Child is This"— Pastor Earl Anders

Closing Song

Sending

Led by the Holy Spirit, we are an Anabaptist congregation committed to following Jesus in all things, so that God's love flows through us to our community and the world.



Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Pray God's blessings upon...

- **Pastor Kyle Rodgers** as he accompanies the Dock Social Issues trip to D.C. along with several of our youth.
- **those who work in retail this holiday season.** Pray for strength and patience for them; pray God's blessing upon them as they work to provide for themselves and their families.

Student Prayer...

- Pray over our children to have **HEARTS FOR LEARNING.** (Psalm 25:4)

Pray God's grace, comfort and healing for...

- **Kim Wieder**, who is recovering at home from RSV.

Praise for answered prayers...

- **Quang Dang's** Visa has been approved and now is waiting for it to arrive in the mail before returning to the United States.

Those enduring long-term suffering...

- **Tyler, Sara, and Nolan Bergey**—*Propionic acidemia (metabolic disorder)*
- **Dave Cressman**—*Lung cancer*
- **Josh & Mia Maier** - *Paralysis following serious accident*

**FMC
LEADERSHIP
TEAM**

Earl Anders, Interim Pastor
Helen Eastburn, Director of Music & Worship
Bronwen Leister, Director of Children's Ministries
Rob Presthus, Pastor of Administration & Care
Kyle Rodgers, Pastor of Outreach, Youth & Young Adults

FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ DECEMBER 8, 2024 ~



We have been prayerfully waiting for God's leading to revitalize **small groups among our FMC family**. In His perfect timing, a group of Church members has formed to help start, support, and sustain small groups. The team is excited to share that a new cycle of small groups will launch on **Saturday January 25, 2025** and asks members to complete the Small Group Participation form emailed on Sunday, November 24, 2024, to gauge how many groups are currently active and to organize and form additional new groups. You can also access the form by using the QR Code above. See the table in the foyer for more information.

Please complete the form by **December 8th**.

Group Activities For Students

Email the contact person below if interested.

Girl's Club—3rd-5th Grade

Dec 18—Christmas party—6:30 pm

Girl's Club Contact: **Lindsey Hoover** lindseyhoover3@gmail.com

Boy's Club—3rd-5th Grade

Dec—18—Lego Building—6:30 pm

Boy's Club Contact: **Mat Landis** mat.landis@chlsystems.com

General Info for Children's Ministry, Boy's & Girl's Clubs

Contact: **Bronwen Leister** 4kids@franconiamennonite.org

Jr High—6th-8th Grade

Dec 14—Christmas Party—LFH—6-9 pm

Dec 18—Bible Study/Fun Night 6:30—8 pm

Jr High Contact: **Renita Leatherman**, drleath5@verizon.net

Sr High—9th-12th Grade

Dec 19—Gingerbread competition

Sr High Contact: **Pastor Kyle**, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org

Young Adult Highlights

Young Adults—Ages 18-25 *INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!*

Every Thursday Night—Bible Study, LFH—7pm

Dec 21—Amish Meal in Lancaster

YA Contact: **Pastor Kyle**, krodgers@franconiamennonite.org

FRANCONIA MENNONITE CHURCH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
6:30 P.M. IN THE UPPER FELLOWSHIP HALL

ACAPPELLA CHRISTMAS HYMN SING

BRING A FRIEND AND YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS DESSERT TO SHARE!

STORY TIME

Story Time and Christmas craft with
Miss Bronwen.

Tuesday, December 10 @ 10 am

In the Church Library

Happy Anniversary

Ron and Diane Nice—December 14—51 years

STUDENT

prayer partners

Christmas is a good time of year to remind your student that
you are praying for them!

SUNDAY, December 15
Meet at 5:30 p.m. in foyer

Christmas Caroling

Giving our time to **go out and encourage**
our older brothers and sisters,
as well as our community
with JOYFUL songs of Christ's birth!

What happened in Bethlehem?

All are welcome to join us

Come and see

December
13th @

6:15pm and 7:00pm

franconiamennonite.org

Invite your friends: Outdoor Drama Snacks Giveaways and More!



Christmas Hymn Sing

• December 8th @ 6:30pm

What Happened in Bethlehem Nativity

• December 13th @ 6:15pm & 7:00pm

Christmas Caroling

• December 15th @ 5:30pm

Christmas Eve Service

• December 24th @ 6:30pm

MEN'S RETREAT

JANUARY 9-10 2025
See Pastor Kyle if you are interested in this event.

Spruce Lake
Pointing People Toward Christ



Master Coach BOB KOCH

Thursday Eve. Speaker
Push toward your
God-given potential!

- Championship high school coach
- 3-time Hall of Fame honoree
- Operates Bob Koch Hoops, a youth basketball training facility at his home.



BRETT HOLLIS

Friday Speaker
+ Thursday Comedy Show

- Captivating speaker with a uniquely humorous, yet profound, way of presenting truths of God.

Worship by The Good Family

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Would you be willing to bake homemade cookies for distribution to our guests who come to see the Nativity acted out? Please sign up in your Sunday School Class or the Welcome Center today.

Christmas Card Exchange

JOIN IN THE MUCH-LOVED FMC TRADITION OF BLESSING EACH OTHER WITH CHRISTMAS CARDS!

CARDS CAN BE PLACED IN THE LABELED MAILBOXES IN THE FOYER. MAKE SURE TO EMPTY YOUR MAILBOX BEFORE THEY'RE REMOVED ON **JANUARY 12, 2025.**



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MISSION
Living One
TOGETHER
January 3-5, 2025

REGISTER NOW!

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